

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 776

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Herbert Q. Groce of Byrdstown.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Herbert Q. Groce; and

WHEREAS, Herbert Groce was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Byrdstown on July 24, 1932, Herbert Groce was the son of Rich and Alline McDonald Groce; and

WHEREAS, a past vice president of the Tennessee Farmers Cooperative corporate office in La Vergne, Mr. Groce was a farmer who also served as a bank director at Union Planters Bank, Regions Bank, and Union Bank; and

WHEREAS, Herbert Groce was a member of the Byrdstown Masonic Lodge #496 and the Byrdstown Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Groce was an active and devout member of Moodyville Missionary Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a deacon; and

WHEREAS, Herbert Groce was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Herbert Groce enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Jennie Ruth Crouch Groce; he was the proud father of Herbert Turney Groce, the loving grandfather of Nicole Ziegler, and the treasured great-grandfather of Rowan Ziegler, Roslyn Ziegler, and Knox Turney Ziegler; and

WHEREAS, he is lovingly remembered by his sisters, Judy Huddleston and Margo Robbins; his brother, Mike Groce; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Groce was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Mary Elizabeth Groce; his sister, Shirley Kinchen; and his brothers-in-law, Gerald Kinchen and Ward Robbins; and

WHEREAS, Herbert Groce leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Herbert Q. Groce, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Groce.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.